

Proposal from State Workforce Agencies / Boards - 690.91 Definitions:

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Stackable:

A recognized postsecondary credential is stackable if it is part of a broader sequence within a career pathway, as defined in WIOA 29 USC 3102(7), leading to more advanced credentials or employment opportunities while carrying standalone labor market value.

Portable:

A recognized postsecondary credential is portable if it is valued by more than one employer and is not only recognized by a single institution or employer.

690.93 Components determined by Governors:

(i) Leads to a recognized postsecondary credential that is stackable and portable, as demonstrated through a method or methods determined by the Governor and described in the policy required in this section. ~~across more than one employer;~~

Rationale:

The above proposed definitions outline clear terminology for two key terms previously undefined in the draft regulations. It sets these definitions in alignment with career pathways as defined under WIOA, and with common lexicon in the workforce development system. At the same time, these definitions provide the necessary flexibility for Governors to vary stackability and portability in ways that make sense given how their states' systems and institutions best operate.